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AGREEMENT WITH INTERNTIONAL ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agreements, Government has signed with International Organisations in the field of Science and Technology during the last three years;

(b) the details of institutional assistance received during the said period; and

(c) the details of the progress made with the help of such assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): Under the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences two Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed with International Organisations in the field of Science and Technology during the last three years. These are â€" an Agreement signed between Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and UNESCO on 14th July, 2006 towards establishment of UNESCO Regional Center for Education, Training and Innovation in Biotechnology at Faridabad, Haryana and an MOU between DBT and International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) signed on 7th July, 2005 towards collaborative R&D efforts in HIV/AIDS vaccine development. Action has been initiated for obtaining administrative approvals for establishment of DBT-UNESCO Centre. No financial assistance has been received by the Government during the last three years. However, under DBT-IAVI MOU, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore have received financial support for conducting research on neutralizing Antibodies as a part of the global Neutralizing Antibody Consortia. These projects have started recently.